

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

✓ 1. (AMENDED) A [purified] recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, or the complement of said polynucleotide.

✓ 3. (AMENDED) [An antisense molecule] A recombinant polynucleotide comprising the complement of the polynucleotide of Claim 2 or a portion thereof.

✓ 4. (CANCEL) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antisense molecule of Claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

✓ 5. (AMENDED) A [diagnostic composition] probe comprising an oligomer [of] specific to the polynucleotide of Claim 2.

✓ 11. (CANCEL) A diagnostic composition comprising the polypeptide of Claim 10 or a portion thereof.

✓ 14. (CANCEL) A diagnostic composition comprising the antibody of Claim 13.

✓ 17. (CANCEL) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Claim 16 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

REMARKS

Applicant requests examination on the merits in view of the amendments presented herein.

Amendment of the Claims

The claims have been amended to conform with U.S. style.